through reception by appropriate dish antenna. 10.3% population of the country spread over 22.3% area and 1.2% population and 10.4% area do not receive terrestrial TV/AIR service respectively at present. A number of transmitter projects are presently under implementation in various parts of the country, which are expected to increase terrestrial TV/AIR coverage in the next 3 years to 92% and 99.3% of population and 81% and 91.8% of area respectively. To cover the remaining uncovered areas including far-flung areas, the Tenth Plan proposals of Doordarshan include *inter-alia* schemes for TV coverage with multi-channel bouquet in free to air mode, in Ku-band, through satellite distribution system. The scheme is yet to be approved by the competent authority, hence no definite time-frame for implementation can be indicated.

Chemical compositions

*9. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a number of drugs with different incompatible chemical compositions are being sold freely across the counter in the country without the prior approval of the Drug Controller General of India;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether such drugs could pose serious threat to health and life of the patients; and

(d) the measures taken, so far, to control the menace and proposed to be taken to put an end to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules made thereunder, licences for manufacture and sale of drugs are granted by State Licensing Authorities. No prior approval from the Drugs Controller General, India, is required for grant of licences for manufacture of drug formulations not considered as new drugs. However, when the reports of marketing of an irrational or harmful formulation is received, the matter is examined in consultation with the expert committee (a sub committee of Drugs Technical Advisory Board).

(c) and (d) The formulation considered harmful or irrational in the context of current medical knowledge are prohibited through a Gazette Notification throughout the country. If the formulation is considered harmful, its manufacture and sale is prohibited with immediate effect and if the drug is considered irrational, it is phased out in a time-bound manner. 72 categories of drug formulations considered irrational or harmful have since been prohibited in the country. This is a continuous process.

Utilisation of machines in Government Press, Nasik

*10. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government Press, Nasik failed to furnish the utilisation capacity of two Lino type machines Model No. 780 m/c No. 198443 and 198444 to the CAG investigating team;

(b) whether the said machines are lying idle since September, 1990; and

(c) if so, the manner in which the Directorate of Printing has justified the amount of Rs. 18.66 lakhs incurred on the purchase of these machines?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) In Govt. of India Presses assessed capacity is fixed and capacity utilisation checked only in respect of main printing machines. This is not done for auxiliary machines. Since the said machines are auxiliary machines, information about capacity utilisation could not be provided to the audit team. Production data has however, been provided to the audit on 7.8.2001. No further comments have so far been receive from the audit.

(b) No, Sir, these machines are not idling.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Telecast of banned movies by TV channels

*11. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: